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ASSAULT OF SOUTH FRONT TO BE NEXT

Teutons Have About Completed
Their Offensive Against
Russia—Preparing For
New Campaigns.

FALL OF VILNA ONLY MATTER OF FEW DAYS

Circle Has Been Drawn More
Than Three-quarters Around
City—Russians Gain
in Galicia.

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—(via Amsterdam). Austro-German forces on all battle fronts are preparing for new campaigns, according to German military critics. The German offensive against Russia and the advance into the czar's territory will not be prosecuted much farther, according to reports. Trench fighting such as is now in order on the western front will be conducted against the czar's forces. The plan of the German forces is to seize the railway line from Riga to Rovno and then to construct trenches and defend the captured territory. All available troops will then be transferred for a new campaign. It is believed that this new campaign will be directed at either Serbia or Italy.

Another big offensive is being planned by the crown prince in the Argonne. His forces are maintaining a continuous bombardment of the French line. Every description of projectile is being hurled at the enemy, and a big forward movement will likely soon be undertaken on the Binarville-Vienna-La Chateau front.

FALL IMMINENT.
PETROGRAD, Sept. 18.—Vilna is virtually surrounded by German troops and it is feared that the fall of the city is imminent.

Official announcement was made today by the Russian war office that the Germans of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army have fought their way to the Novo Wilek-Molodetschna railway, east of the Vilna. This shows that the German circle has been drawn more than three quarters around the city.

Dawgelschki, 62 miles northeast of Vilna, has been captured by the German forces that crossed the Vilna-Petrograd railway.

It is officially admitted that the

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POLICY OF DELAY AIM OF BRITISH

Intimations Are That England
Will Demand Question
be Arbitrated.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Intimations from British sources that England may demand arbitration of the commercial issues in dispute between the two countries should the American demand that the "freedom of the seas" be restored be couched in drastic language, has incensed officials here. They believe that if such tactics are attempted they will make the situation worse instead of better.

The president is admittedly very anxious to obtain substantial concessions from Britain to offset the demand of the United States for an embargo on arms in retaliation for the British interference with the commerce of this country. If a policy of delay is tried in London it will leave the great question at issue between the governments open until after congress convenes and thus play into the hands of the advocates of an embargo.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WILL MEET TUESDAY

Will Adopt Plan For Control of New
High Scholarship
Fund.

For the purpose of adopting a constitution to control the disposition of the new scholarship fund, the South Bend High School Alumni association will hold a special meeting Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the library of the high school. New officers will also be elected at this time.

The association has now \$250 in its scholarship fund which is to be used to assist worthy students to go through high school or to enter college. The graduating class of 1915 gave \$100 to the association and the remainder was raised through the efforts of the officers and committees who arranged the banquet which was held in June.

Following the banquet a constitution framed by the constitution committee appointed by Dr. Edgar Myers, president of the association, was read by Chairman W. H. Swintz. It is this constitution which is to be formally adopted at the meeting Tuesday evening.

CITY MARKET CROWDED

Rain Does Not Keep Buyers Off Local
Mart.

Rain failed to prevent a faithful flock of buyers from patronizing the public market Saturday morning. There were 128 rigs in the stalls, heavily garlanded with edibles for Sunday's dinner. Prices which have prevailed during the fall ranged Saturday morning. The introduction of egg plants into the list of marketable produce, selling at five cents to 10 cents according to the size, brought many purchasers to the truck growers.

Peaches were cheap at 75 cents a bushel, and early in the morning two large wagon loads had been sold. This is unusual as few housewives buy bushels of peaches on Saturday, that day being an off time for canning.

LOSES WATCH AT FAIR

Frank E. Dye Reports Theft to the
Police.

Frank Z. Dye, 322 N. Cushing st., is the latest victim of pickpockets at the Interstate fair grounds. Dye was relieved of a valuable gold watch while taking in the sights about the grounds. He cannot remember any particular occasion when a "dip" might have had opportunity to get the watch and the police, to whom he immediately reported the matter, have not yet located the missing article.

GIVEN JAIL SENTENCE

Frank Barnes Found Guilty of Beat-
ing Horse.

"This is one of the most aggravating cases in the history of this court," declared City Judge Warner Saturday morning when Frank Barnes, an employee of a local ice company, pleaded guilty to striking a horse with a pair of ice hooks. The horse died a few hours later, and Barnes is said to have left the city to avoid arrest. He was arrested upon his return.

In court Saturday morning he received a fine of \$50 and costs to which was added a jail sentence of 30 days.

SENT ON TO CHICAGO

Victim of War is Aided by Local As-
sociation.

Rudolph Schmitt, the Austrian of prominent lineage, who was stranded in this city while en route to Philadelphia, and who was taken in charge by the Y. M. C. A., has been sent on to the Chicago association by the local "Y." Schmitt had come from New York a series of good fortunes had aided him on his way. He slept in Howard park here two nights before Thursday's raid drove him to the Y. M. C. A., where he received aid.

ESTATES ARE ENTERED

Vick LaFree and J. J. Young Prop-
erties Valued at \$1,000 Each.

The will of Vick LaFree, who died on Sept. 8 at Mishawaka, was filed for probate Saturday morning. The will is dated March 7, 1905, and leaves property valued at \$1,000 to the widow.

The estate of John J. Young, Mishawaka, who died at Indianapolis on Sept. 14, was also entered for probate. Property valued at \$1,000 goes to a daughter, August Moriarty of Mishawaka.

FINED FOR INTOXICATION

Charles McGovern, alias Sweeney, arrested several days ago charged with purse snatching at the Interstate fair grounds, was fined \$11 in city court Saturday morning for intoxication. The other charge was dropped from the docket.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Charles R. Goss, machinist, Mishawaka, Margaret Ort, Mishawaka, Harry Sarguy, farmer; Ethel Mae Stephenson, telephone operator, Granger, Darwin William LaBadie, 1143 S. Main st.; Neva Mae Russell, 544 Visula av.

SHOOT JACK ORDER GIVEN TO SOLDIERS

Will Return Fire From Mexican
Side—Not an American
Wounded in Friday's
Battle.

CARRANZA TROOPS BLAMED FOR TROUBLE

Mexican Affairs to be Discuss-
ed in New York Today.
Carranza May Be Given
a Chance.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Sept. 18.—"Shoot on sight any person who fires into United States territory from the Mexican side" was the order issued today to American troops who are guarding the border.

Not an American soldier was wounded in the fight between United States cavalrymen and Carranza troops at Donna on Friday in which 15 Mexicans were killed and three seriously wounded, according to official information from the American military authorities. Donna is on the Rio Grande, 50 miles north of Brownsville. The vigilance of the United States patrols there has been increased as a result of fears that the Mexicans may try to make a surprise attack.

High military officials have taken the stand that American soldiers are warranted in firing across the Rio Grande at Mexicans who are shooting at United States property and this conclusion resulted in the order to "shoot to kill" issued today.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Carranza soldiers at Matamoros started the firing across the Rio Grande at Brownsville which resulted in the battle with American troops yesterday, and then tried to put the blame on the Americans. This was the report today of Gen. Funston, commanding the American troops on the border, to which seems designated by the war department.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The first step leading toward recognition of the Carranza government in Mexico is the business before today's conference in this city of Sec'y of State Lansing, Ambassadors Noan of Argentina, D'Amato of Brazil, and Suarez-Villa of Chile and Ministers Delenda of Uruguay, Calderon of Bolivia and Madero of Guatemala.

When the seven conferees gathered at the Biltmore hotel at 2 o'clock the proposal of Gen. Carranza, "first chief" of the constitutionalist forces, will be taken up. Carranza has suggested that the conferees to discuss "international questions" affecting Mexico. His representatives in Washington have convinced the state department that by "international questions" he means the settlement of the claims of foreigners—several hundred million dollars in amount—for the damage done their property in Mexico during the past four years of warfare in that country.

Give Carranza Chance.

It is known that the state department is at last ready to agree that Carranza's proposals should be explained to the conferees by Carranza himself or one of his spokesmen. Accordingly, it is understood that today's program includes:

First—A vote by the conferees as

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FLAT IRON SLAYER IS SENT TO STATE PRISON

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 18.—Sheriff Kreitenstein and Deputy John S. Roberts today took Vernie A. Lewis to the state prison at Michigan City, where he must serve the remainder of his life for the murder of Mrs. Mary A. Balding and three of her children by crushing their skulls with a flat iron during the night of March 14, 1915.

Lewis, whose trial had been set for next week, unexpectedly went to circuit court before Judge Pulliam late yesterday and pleaded guilty. The plea was the result of an agreement between Special Prop. Foley and attorneys for Lewis.

The only reason Lewis ever gave for the crime was that he "loved the Baldings so much he could not bear to see them move away." They were planning to move to Illinois, where the husband and father had employment as a linemen. Two other children were wounded by the "flat iron slayer," but they survived.

Roumania's Army is Prepared



Roumanian Gunners and Their Gun.

Berlin reports that the Roumanians have mobilized on the Bulgarian frontier and are ready to enter the war on the side of the allies. Greece has also mobilized on the Bulgarian frontier and it is expected that she will join Roumania. Bulgaria seems to be the only Balkan country favorable to the Teutonic cause, and will likely so remain, owing to the Turko-Bulgarian treaty by which Bulgaria was given the territory she requested.

GARRISON TO ASK QUARTER BILLION

War Secretary Has Plans Ready
to Present to Pres't
Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Sec'y Garrison will ask congress if Pres't Wilson gives his approval for \$250,000,000 to strengthen the nation's military defenses. His estimate is now practically complete and ready for submission to Pres't Wilson. The last congress appropriated only \$109,000,000 for the military establishment, including the army, the state militia, fortifications and West Point. Whether congress will be able to shave the secretary's estimate, however, is problematical.

Mr. Garrison himself will shed no light on his plans or give any hint of how he would expend the vast sum which seems necessary for what he terms "reasonable preparedness." It is said, however, that if congressmen are staggered by a proposed expenditure of \$141,000,000 more than was carried in last year's army appropriation measures, it would be just as well if they never knew what the board of general officers appointed by Mr. Garrison to investigate the country's military defenses, proposed.

Mr. Garrison some six months ago and consisted of the chief of staff of the army, Major Gen. Scott, and the heads of the several bureaus. The members were instructed to go over the whole situation and propose recommendations for the increase of the present regular army, the creation of a reserve, the strengthening of the present coast defenses and field artillery and the abolition of useless army posts.

This committee brought in a report calling for the expenditure of \$600,000,000.

MAKE MUNITIONS.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Temps says that the Russian war office will soon have 1,200 factories and 100,000 workmen devoted exclusively to the output of war munitions.

HUNT NEGRO.

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 18.—A posse of several hundred men early today is closing in on a negro who attacked Ruth McGilhill, 15 years old, Thursday afternoon as she was going home from school.

CONSCRIPTION BEING FOUGHT IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Sept. 18.—In many quarters the critical domestic situation caused by the conscription intrigues and involving even the possible downfall of the liberal government, overshadow the war operations.

Intense feeling has been aroused throughout the United Kingdom by the charges printed in the Daily News that Minister of Munitions David Lloyd-George, former first lord of the admiralty Winston Churchill, A. Bonar Law, Lord Curzon and other members of the government are planning to bring the conscription fight to a crisis and present a general election with compulsory service as the chief issue.

It is learned that the heads of the labor unions have called secret conferences to oppose conscription and it is also reported that leaders of the Irish nationalist party are strongly contemplating public announcement of their adherence to the anti-conscription cause because of the activities of the Tories on the opposite side.

RUNNERS TO COMPETE AT FAIR TODAY

Rain Will Not Stop Events Orig-
inally Scheduled For Sat-
day—Trotters May
Get Chance.

SEATS IN STANDS ARE KEPT COVERED

Arrangements Made to Protect
Visitors—Rain Spoils Fi-
nal Day of Interstate
Fair.

Running races on this afternoon's speed program will be run in or shine. Notices were sent to the down town stores this morning that the running, hurdling and mule races would be held as scheduled.

Rain for nearly four straight hours since Springfield park and the Interstate fair grounds a gloomy looking place this morning, but at noon the directors of the fair had given up hopes of making the day as good as one as possible. At noon the running races were scheduled to be run and L. W. Lower said the trotting events would be held if at all possible.

Although the "jumpers" will probably be seen in action this afternoon, there is little chance of the racing fans seeing the 2:24 trot for the Oliver hotel stake of \$1,000. Horsemen who had entries in this event, which was scheduled for Thursday, refused to put their horses on the track after the rain on that day, and the track is not in much better shape than it was in the other rain.

Had the rain stopped by 11 o'clock the men in charge of the track would have used gasoline to dry it as they did yesterday, but with a steady rain through the entire morning, it is a question whether this method would have done much good.

Seats Are Covered.
Arrangements were made in the morning to give the crowds the best accommodations possible under the circumstances. The seats in the grandstand were covered and an awning was stretched along the back of the stand to keep out the rain. This was early in the morning, soon after the rain started.

Today was to have been the big

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NEUTRALITY LAWS TO BE AMENDED

Men Who Plot Against Good
Name of U. S. Cannot be
Prosecuted.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Sweeping amendments to the neutrality laws of the United States will be recommended to congress by Pres't Wilson. It was learned at the White House today. The president and the leading members of his cabinet responsible for the enforcement of the neutrality laws—the secretaries of the navy, treasury and commerce and the attorney general have been amazed to find that under existing laws it is possible to plot against the good name of the United States; to conspire to destroy the country's free institutions, and not be liable to any federal law. And so far the attempts to punish persons responsible under state laws has proven a complete failure.

As an instance it is cited that there is no law to punish persons who send supplies to belligerent warships outside of the three-mile limit other than the customs laws. This, too, despite the fact that both sides in the European war have time and again used the United States for supply stations.

Then there is the case of the American war correspondent, James E. J. Archibald. Officials frankly admit that while Pres't Wilson has decreed that he must be jailed for acting as messenger for ambassador Dumbell, they have been unable as yet to determine just under what law they can prosecute him, or even if they can prosecute at all.

The general propaganda that has been carried on throughout the United States cannot be stopped because no law is being violated.

It is expected that the president will make specific reference to a great number of cases in his message to congress advocating the suggested reform legislation.